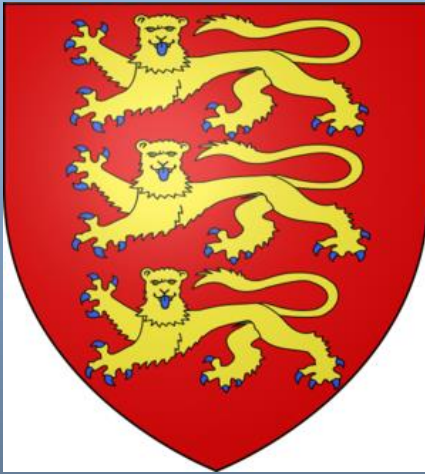
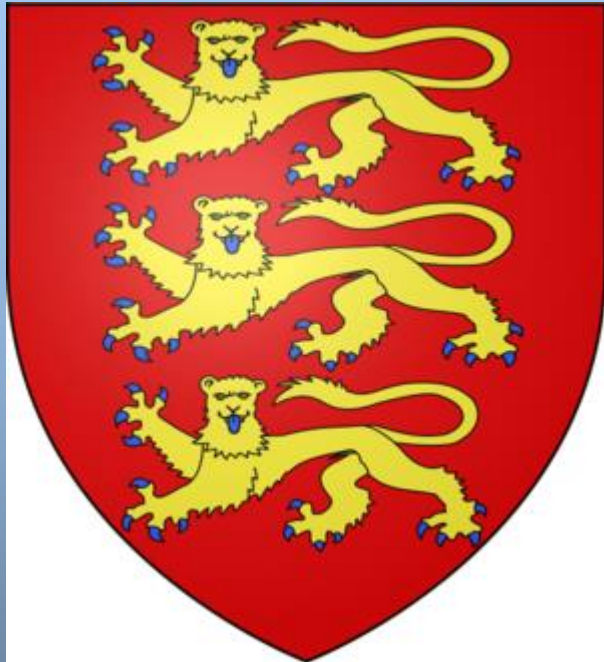


# Symbols, Icons and Signs in the United Kingdom



# The Coat of Arms of England



- “*Gules three lions passant guardant in pale Or armed and langued Azure*” (three identical gold lions with blue tongues and claws, walking and facing the observer, arranged in a column on a red background)
- Uncertainty as to origins. Said that was first used when Richard I (the Lionheart) came to the throne (1157)
- Believed to be based on original Norman arms and the third added to represent the Anglo-Norman alliance.
- Used in England football and cricket crests because the lion is said to represent strength
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal\\_Arms\\_of\\_England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Arms_of_England)



# The Coat of Arms of the City of Coventry



- The wild cat – said to symbolise watchfulness
- Elephant and castle - The elephant is seen, not only as a beast so strong that he can carry a tower - Coventry's castle - full of armed men, but also as a symbol of Christ's redemption of the human race
- The Eagle of Leofric (husband of Lady Godiva) represents the old city.
- The Phoenix arising from the flames represents the New Coventry reborn out of the ashes of the old.

# Coat of Arms of the County of Warwickshire

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/home>



• This motto (being the Norman-French for "not without right") will be recognised by many as being the motto of William Shakespeare, without doubt the county's most famous son. It suggests the authority of the County Council.

- The Bear and ragged Staff. The Bear symbolises strength, cunning and ferocity in the protection of one's kindred
- Adopted by the Earls of Warwick in 13<sup>th</sup> Century.
- It is said that the ragged staff was chosen because Morvidus, Earl of Warwick, killed a bear with the broken branch of a tree
- The three cross-crosslets in the county's arms are taken from the arms of the Beauchamps, who were earls of Warwick from 1268 to 1449. They are perhaps the most famous of all the families which have held the earldom of Warwick
- The crown over the shield is known as a mural crown, because it looks as if it were made of stone. Mural crowns have battlements to resemble the walls of a medieval town